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PHYSICIAN INDICTED FOR TAX EVASION

Tried to conceal more than \$975,000 in income between 2002 and 2006

DAYTON – A federal grand jury here has indicted Dr. Dominic Joseph Maga, age 60, of Dayton, charging him with tax evasion and willful failure to file income tax returns on his taxable income of more than \$220,000 per year for the past four years.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Jose A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, announced the indictment today following Maga's arrest.

Maga is an Emergency Room doctor employed at Grandview Medical Center and Southview Hospital both located in Dayton. The nine-count indictment includes four counts of tax evasion for attempting to conceal his income of \$260,078.85 in 2003, an income of \$255,369.89 in 2004, income of \$240,287.91 in 2005 and income of \$220,996.40 in 2006.

Each count of tax evasion is punishable by up to five years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The indictment also alleges five counts of willful failure to file an income tax return for the years 2002 through 2007. Each count is punishable by up to one year imprisonment and a fine of \$100,000. If convicted, Maga's sentence would also include payment of all taxes due plus penalties and interest, as well as the costs of prosecution.

The indictment was returned November 25 and unsealed after IRS agents arrested Maga at his residence yesterday. His initial appearance occurred before U.S. Magistrate Judge Sharon Ovington who scheduled arraignment for Friday, December 12.

Lockhart commended the investigation by IRS agents, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Dwight Keller, who is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.